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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. Cancelled.

2. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[1]] 62, wherein at least a portion of the individual fibers or filaments within the first plurality of discrete unbonded areas extend into and are bonded within the continuous bonded areas.

3. (Previously Presented) The fabric of claim 2, wherein at least a portion of the individual fibers or filaments within the second plurality of discrete unbonded extend into and are bonded within the continuous bonded areas.

4. (Previously Presented) The fabric of claim 3, wherein the continuous bonded areas comprise from about 25 percent to about 50 percent of the nonwoven web.

5. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[1]] 62, wherein the nonwoven web includes melt-spun filaments.

6. (Original) The fabric of claim 5, wherein said nonwoven web includes melt-spun filaments, including multicomponent filaments.

7. (Original) The fabric of claim 4, wherein the nonwoven web includes staple fibers.

8. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[1]] 62, further comprising a film layer attached to a surface of the

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nonwoven web opposite the surface having the pattern of  
continuous bonded areas defining the first plurality of  
5 discrete unbonded areas, and the second plurality of discrete  
unbonded areas.

9. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[1]] 62,  
further comprising a second nonwoven web having a fibrous  
structure of individual fibers or filaments, the second  
nonwoven web being laminated to the first nonwoven web.

10-11. Cancelled.

12. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[1]] 64,  
wherein the second tensile strength is about twenty-two pounds.

13. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[1]] 64,  
wherein the first tensile strength is about thirteen pounds.

14. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[1]] 64,  
wherein the second tensile strength is about nine pounds  
greater than the first tensile strength.

15. Cancelled.

16. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[15]] 65,  
wherein the first stiffness is greater than the second  
stiffness such that the nonwoven web in a region including the  
second plurality of discrete unbonded areas more easily bends.

17. (Currently amended) The fabric of claim [[15]] 65,  
wherein the second stiffness is greater than the first  
stiffness.

18-21. Cancelled.

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22. (Currently amended) The web of claim [[21]] 63,  
wherein the first region is adapted for fastening engagement  
with a hook-type fastener.

23. (Currently amended) The web of claim [[21]] 63,  
wherein the at least one second region is adjacent the first  
region in a machine cross direction of the web.

24. (Currently amended) The web of claim [[21]] 63,  
wherein the at least one second region includes a transition  
region adjacent the first region, and wherein the transition  
region includes a third pattern of continuous bonded areas  
5 defining a third plurality of discrete unbonded areas, the  
third pattern being a gradient from the first pattern to the  
second pattern.

25-27. Cancelled.

28. (Currently Amended) The web of claim [[21]] 66,  
wherein the second tensile strength is about twenty-two pounds.

29. (Currently Amended) The web of claim [[21]] 66,  
wherein the first tensile strength is about thirteen pounds.

30. (Currently Amended) The web of claim [[21]] 66,  
wherein the second tensile strength is about nine pounds  
greater than the first tensile strength.

31. Cancelled.

32. (Currently amended) The web of claim [[31]] 67,  
wherein the first stiffness is greater than the second

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stiffness such that the nonwoven web in a region including the second plurality of discrete unbonded areas more easily bends.

33. (Currently amended) The web of claim [[31]] 67, wherein the second stiffness is greater than the first stiffness.

34-37. Cancelled.

38. (Currently amended) A disposable absorbent article comprising the pattern-unbonded nonwoven fabric of claim [[1]] 62.

39. (Currently amended) A disposable absorbent article, comprising:

a bodyside liner;

an outer cover;

5 an absorbent structure disposed between the liner and the outer cover;

a mechanical fastening tab joined to the article, the fastening tab including a male fastening component; and

10 a female component joined to the outer cover and adapted for releasable engagement with the male component,

the female component comprising the pattern-unbonded nonwoven fabric of claim [[1]] 62.

40-61. Cancelled.

62. (Previously presented) A pattern-unbonded nonwoven fabric, comprising:

a nonwoven web having a fibrous structure of individual fibers or filaments;

5 the nonwoven web having on a surface thereof a pattern of

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continuous bonded areas defining a first plurality of discrete unbonded areas and a second plurality of discrete unbonded areas;

10 the first plurality of discrete unbonded areas having a first opacity level; and

the second plurality of discrete unbonded areas having a second opacity level, the second opacity level being higher than the first opacity level.

63. (Previously presented) A pattern-unbonded non-woven web, comprising:

a first region including a first pattern of continuous bonded areas defining a first plurality of discrete unbonded areas;

5 at least one second region including a second pattern of continuous bonded areas defining a second plurality of discrete unbonded areas, the second pattern being different from the first pattern, the first region having a first opacity level and the second region having a second opacity level, the second opacity level being higher than the first opacity level.

64. (New) The fabric of claim 62, wherein the first plurality of discrete unbonded areas have a first tensile strength, and the second plurality of discrete unbonded areas have a second tensile strength, the second tensile strength being greater than the first tensile strength.

65. (New) The fabric of claim 62, wherein the first plurality of discrete unbonded areas have a first stiffness, and the second plurality of discrete unbonded areas have a second stiffness different from the first stiffness.

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66. (New) The web of claim 63, wherein the first pattern of continuous bonded areas have a first tensile strength, and the second pattern of continuous bonded areas have a second tensile strength, the second tensile strength being greater  
5 than the first tensile strength.

67. (New) The web of claim 63, wherein the first pattern of continuous bonded areas have a first stiffness, and the second pattern of continuous bonded areas have a second stiffness different from the first stiffness.